

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OJI WILLIAMS,	:
Petitioner	:
v.	: Case No. 3:24-cv-277-KAP
COLETTE PETERS, DIRECTOR BOP,	:
MICHAEL UNDERWOOD, WARDEN,	:
F.C.I. LORETTO,	:
Respondents	:

Memorandum Order

Petitioner Williams submitted a “Prayer for Relief” at ECF no. 7 that was docketed as MOTION for Immediate Release. It is best understood as a motion for bail pending decision on his underlying habeas petition. Bail pending decision in a habeas case is permitted where there is a showing of likely success on the merits and extraordinary circumstances. *See Landano v Rafferty*, 970 F.2d 1230, 1239 (3d Cir.1992). The conjunction means that failure to show either one of the elements requires the denial of the motion for bail. The Report and Recommendation I filed today explains the lack of merit to the petition. What was docketed as a motion at ECF no. 7 is denied.

The parties have the right to appeal this nondispositive Order under Fed.R.Civ.Proc. 72(a) and 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) within 14 days.



DATE: May 19, 2025

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Keith A. Pesto,  
United States Magistrate Judge

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